

Programme – VREF Centre of Excellence (CoE) Workshop: 10th – 12th April 2013:

Theme: Mega Transport Projects: Policy-making, Planning and Political Leadership

Day 1 – VREF CoE Workshop: Wednesday 10th April 2013

Venue: Roberts Building, Engineering Block, University College London

- 09.00-09.30 *Welcoming address*
- Alan Penn, Dean of the Bartlett, UCL
 - Anders Brännström, Chairman of the Board, VREF
 - Harry Dimitriou, Director, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 09.30-10.00 *Great Planning Disasters Revisited*
- Sir Peter Hall, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 10.00-10.30 *Politics and Mega Transport Projects in London*
- Ken Livingstone, Former London Mayor
- 10.30-11.00 Open discussion: *Megaprojects, their Economics and Political Leadership*
- Chaired by Anders Brännström, Chairman of the Board, VREF (TBC)
- 11.00-11.15 *Coffee Break*
- 11.15-11.45 *Megaproject Risks in a Hypermobile World*
- John Adams, Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography, UCL
- 11.45-12.15 *Introduction to the OMEGA 2 Programme: What Constitutes a ‘Successful’ Mega Transport Project*
- Harry T. Dimitriou, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 12.15-12.45 *Open discussion: Megaprojects, their Social and Environmental Impact and Political Leadership*
- Chaired by Måns Lönnroth, Advisor to VREF
- 12.45-14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00-14.45 *The OMEGA 2 Research Programme: UK Case Study Findings -Lessons for elsewhere?*
- Phil Wright and John Ward, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 14.45-15.15 *The OMEGA 2 Research Programme: Generic and context-specific lessons*
- Harry T. Dimitriou, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- 15.15-15.30 *Coffee Break*
- 15.30-17.00 Panel Discussion: *Potential resonance of OMEGA Lessons in developing countries*
- *Observations from China*
 - Jia Wenzheng, Associate Professor, CUSTReC
 - *Observations from India*
 - Prof. D. Mohan, TRIPP/Centre for Biomedical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
 - *Observations from Africa*
 - David Mfinanga, ACET, University of Dar es Salaam
 - *Observations from South America*
 - Spokesperson to be confirmed by CoE
 - Chaired by Henrik Nolmark, Director, VREF
- 17.00-18.30 *Reception hosted by OMEGA Centre: Launch of Executive Summary of Lessons of the OMEGA 2 Research Programme*

Day 2 – VREF CoE Workshop, Thursday, 11th April 2013

Venue: Large Common Room, Goodenough College

09.00-13.15 CoE Progress Reports - Part 1: *Major research accomplishments and findings*

- 09.00-09.30
 - *Progress Report: China CoE*
 - Prof. Jiang Yulin, Director, CUSTReC
- 09.30-10.00
 - *Progress Report: USA (Berkeley) CoE*
 - Michael Cassidy, Professor, Co-Director of Berkeley CoE
- 10.00-10.30
 - *Progress Report: South Africa CoE*
 - Roger Behrens, ACET, University of Cape Town
- 10.30-11.00
 - *Progress Report: Australia CoE*
 - Spokesperson to be confirmed by CoE
 - Chaired by Henrik Nolmark, Director, VREF

11.00-11.15 *Coffee Break*

- 11.15-11.45
 - *Progress Report: India CoE*
 - Prof. G. Tiwari TRIPP, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
 - 11.45-12.15
 - *Progress Report: USA (Columbia) CoE*
 - Jacqueline Klopp Centre for Urban Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University
 - 12.15-12.45
 - *Progress Report: Chile CoE*
 - Juan Carlos Muñoz Department of Transport Engineering and Logistics, Pontificia Catholic University Chile
 - 12.45-13.15
 - *Progress Report: UK CoE*
 - John Ward, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- Chairperson: TBC by VREF

13.15-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-17.30 CoE Progress Reports - Part 2: *Research dissemination challenges, influencing political leadership and who should do what differently?*

- 14.15-14.30
 - *Progress Report: Observations from China*
 - Dr Lui Xianglong, Associate Professor, CUSTReC
 - 14.30-14.45
 - *Progress Report: Observations from USA (Berkeley)*
 - Carlos Daganzo, Professor, Director of Berkeley CoE
 - 14.45-15.00
 - *Progress Report: Observations from South Africa*
 - Roger Behrens, ACET, University of Cape Town
 - 15.00-15.15
 - *Progress Report: Observations from Australia*
 - Leigh Glover, Director, GAMUT, University of Melbourne
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15.15-15.30 *Coffee Break*

- 15.30-15.45
 - *Progress Report: Observations from India*
 - Prof. G. Tiwari TRIPP, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
 - 15.45-16.00
 - *Progress Report: Observations from USA (Columbia)*
 - Elliott Sclar, Centre for Urban Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University
 - 16.15-16.30
 - *Progress Report: Observations from Chile*
 - Corinne Mulley Institute of Transport and Logistics, Business School, University of Sydney
 - 16.30-16.45
 - *Progress Report: Observations from UK*
 - Phil Wright, OMEGA Centre, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- Chairperson: TBC by VREF

Open Discussion

- Chairperson TBC by VREF

Day 3 – VREF CoE Workshop

Venue: Large Common Room (for CoE Workshop)

VREF Session - Part 1

- 09.00-09.45
- *New Strategy for FUT Programme*
 - Anders Brännström, Chairman of the Board, VREF
- 09.45-10.30
- Open Discussion
 - Chairperson TBC by VREF

10.30-11.00 *Coffee Break*

VREF Session - Part 2

- 11.00-11.45
- *10 Years with the FUT Programme: Outcome and findings*
 - Marie Thynell, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg
- 11.45-12.30
- Open Discussion and Workshop Closing Session
 - Chaired by Anders Brännström, Chairman of Board, VREF

12.30-13.00 *Packed Lunch*

13.00-17.30 Site visit to Olympic Park

A chance to visit the site of the 2012 Olympics Games in Stratford, East London to see role the Olympics has played in the area's regeneration.

Guidance Notes for CoE Presenters

Day 1: Selected CoE Panel Discussion: Presentations about the potential resonance of OMEGA Lessons for developing countries should consider the 'power of context' (temporal, geographical, cultural, political, economic, institutional etc.) and how this may reinforce, detract or be indifferent to such lessons. A note summarising OMEGA lessons concerning the 'power of context' on decision-making for the planning, appraisal and delivery of megaprojects will be provided under separate cover to those Centre's invited to participate in the Panel Discussion. This will be offered together with a copy of the Executive Summary of the OMEGA 2 Project. Each CoE contributor will be allocated 15-20 mins. to present its findings/observations.

Day 2: CoE Progress Reports – Part 1: Contributors/presenters of CoE Progress Reports should focus on one of two *major* accomplishments and findings from the centre's activities that have significant scientific impacts and/or major policy impacts nationally and/or internationally. These accomplishments should be presented in some depth in a paper of between 2,500-3,000 words - to be sent to Dan Durrant by email no later than one week *before* the workshop) so it can be either pre-distributed to workshop delegates or posted on the workshop website. The presentation(s) should be capable of being presented within 30 mins.

Day 2: CoE Progress Reports – Part 2: Contributors/presenters of CoE Dissemination Challenges of its major research findings, how best they may influence political leadership, how they may be made more concrete, and who should do what differently, need to address local, national *and* global challenges. The presentation should be capable of presentation within 15 mins.

21st March